

Church News

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mainder of the meeting. There were thirteen additions to our church, eight by letter and five by profession, which runs the membership up above fifty. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed Sunday, Aug. 22. There was a hearty co-operation of all denominations and the meeting closed with every one feeling that it had been a blessing to the entire town and community.

El Campo in Brazos Presbytery. The storm of the fourth of August swept before it the crops and buildings in a path of about twenty miles wide. At El Campo seven church buildings were wrecked. By the aid of our Assembly's Committee of Home Missions we have been able to restore our Presbyterian Church at El Campo, so it is nearly ready for services. **G. W. Story.**

Eagle Lake: The Sabbath School Missionary of Brazos Presbytery, Mr. Delany, visited Eagle Lake, and upon a house to house canvass, found about thirty Presbyterians. He at once took steps to organize a Sabbath School and secured a petition to the Presbytery for the organization of a Presbyterian Church. At a pro re nata meeting of Brazos Presbytery the petition was presented and a commission was appointed to visit Eagle Lake and, if the way be clear organize a Presbyterian Church. In accordance with this action, the commission visited Eagle Lake and after holding a few day's meetings, proceeded to perfect an organization with eleven members with quite a few more to follow. Mr. Brown and Mr. Redford were elected elders, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Via, deacons. These were duly ordained and installed into their several offices and arrangements made for services on the fourth Sabbath of each month. The Sabbath School has a good membership and is giving promise of fine results. All this is the result of the Presbyterian Sabbath School missionary work. Four or five other new schools have been organized within the bounds of this Presbytery within two months, as the work of this missionary. A church that was dead, has been resuscitated by his effective labor and, now, has regular preaching services and a good Sabbath School.

One of the Commission.

VIRGINIA.

Boydton: The Rev. Dr. G. B. Strickler, of Union Seminary, Richmond, has been preaching at this point for some days, his strong message receiving a large and earnest attention.

Tazewell, Va.: This congregation, ever thoughtful of the comfort of their pastor and family, are having the manse made more commodious and convenient. They are truly loyal to their pastor.

Bethesda: Bethesda Presbyterian Church at Rockbridge Baths was reopened for public worship Sunday, Au-

gust 29. The building has been greatly improved and beautified, and the occasion of re-opening was an event of unusual interest. The sermon at 11 o'clock was preached by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, of Wilmington, N. C. At 7 p. m. the pastor, Rev. Henry Miller, preached and read a historical sketch of the church.

Rev. Frank L. Delaney, who has been serving the Emporia-Lawrenceville-Aberdour group of churches for the past few years, and who has recently been spending a month's vacation at Bristol, Tenn., will take up his new and promising field of labor at Suffolk, Va., beginning with September 1.

Lexington: On August 26, a meeting of Lexington Presbytery was held in the Lexington Church. The following order of business was considered: The resignation of Rev. Robert E. Steele as pastor of New Monmouth Church; the call of Fairfield and Immanuel Churches for the pastoral services of Rev. S. C. Akers, a licentiate from Roanoke Presbytery; the call of New Providence Church for the pastoral services of Rev. H. W. McLaughlin from the Louisville Presbytery; to receive William Roscoe Berry, of New Monmouth Church, under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Farmville: The buildings at Hampden-Sidney are being greatly improved, all modern conveniences and comforts introduced, and will be ready for the opening of the session on eighth of September. President Graham is hopeful of a decided increase in attendance of students, while President Jarman, of the Normal, will not be satisfied with less than eight hundred girls. The Presbyterians expect their new pastor, the Rev. W. E. Hill, of Gadsden, Ala., to be with them the first of September, and then all of the pulpits will be supplied by young men of ability and consecration.

West Pittsylvania: A busy day in the West Pittsylvania field, Sunday, August 22. We went to our morning appointment at Harpin Creek at 11 a. m. In the afternoon, at 3:30, we occupied the pulpit at Weal, and 8 o'clock found us at Matthew's Memorial supperless, but with church and yard full of people. When we reached home at 1 a. m. we had traveled quite thirty-five miles, preached three times and missed supper. At Matthew's Memorial we received and baptized four members, the direct result of a week's preaching by the pastor. There will be others to join later. It was very pleasant to the pastor and people to have Rev. W. R. Keith, of the Baptist Church, preach three very acceptable sermons during the week. Surely this is a token of better things in this field. Bro. Keith is scholarly, broad-minded and big hearted. This is the largest church building in the field, and it is certainly most gratifying to the pastor to be able under God to fill this large building with earnest listeners without outside help. Brethren, pray for us. We have been here nine years, but considering how slow things move here, our work may just now be beginning. **A. J. P.**

East Hanover Presbytery: Constitutional requirements having been complied

with, I hereby call a meeting of the Presbytery of East Hanover for September 15, 12 noon, in the chapel of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va., for the following purpose: To receive and act upon the resignation of Rev. F. L. Delaney as pastor of Aberdour, Lawrenceville and Emporia Churches; and to attend to any other matters arising out of the above; also to dismiss him to the Presbytery of Norfolk, if the way be clear. **R. A. Lapsley, Mod'r.**

Roanoke Group—Roanoke Presbytery: The Committee of Presbytery, appointed for the purpose, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. J. Harry Moore, J. L. McNair and J. M. W. Elder, and Ruling Elder Wirt Williams, installed the Rev. B. F. Bedinger pastor of Roanoke, Cub Creek and Rough Creek churches on August 22, 1909. The three ministers alternated in preaching the sermon and delivering the charges. Mr. Elder had previously preached one week at Rough Creek and one at Roanoke. Four new members were received at Rough Creek on profession of faith and two by letter; three received the rite of baptism. At Roanoke eleven were received on profession and baptism and three by letter. At Cub Creek one was received by letter.

Rough Creek was a "Free" Church before the Revolutionary War, built by the Church of England, the established church of the Colony. It is believed the first "society" organized there was by the Methodists, who later seceded from that church, "being dissatisfied with its government, and were organized, imperfectly, however, by the name of Republican Methodists." In 1822 this "society," with its minister, the Rev. Samuel Armistead, with several other similar societies and ministers, applied and were received into Hanover Presbytery on October 19.

Cub Creek is the oldest Presbyterian Church in this section, having been established in 1738. It is the mother of seven or eight other churches in the county. It boasts of the names of Archibald Alexander and J. H. Rice in its list of pastors. With new young blood lately infused into its membership it looks forward to an era of renewed usefulness.

Roanoke is a daughter of Cub Creek. It is a strong, vigorous church. The community swarms with young people. Two Sabbath-schools are maintained with an enrollment of over 150. Its prospects for growth are bright. **B.**

PERSONALS.

Rev. E. M. Craig changes his address to Prattville, Ala.

Rev. W. T. Spears begins his new work at Columbia, Tenn., September 1. Correspondents will note change of address.

Rev. W. N. Sholl, late of Nampa, Idaho, may be addressed at 709 North 16th St., Birmingham, Alabama.

The Address of Rev. Geo. R. Ratchford is changed temporarily from Dublin to San Angelo, Texas.

Rev. Wm. C. White, stated clerk of Lexington Presbytery, should be address-